TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SJR 17

February 21, 2015

SUMMARY OF BILL: Proposes amending Article VI, Section 5 of the Constitution of Tennessee to require the Attorney General and Reporter be elected by the qualified voters for a four-year term beginning with the November 2020 general election. Requires the Attorney General and Reporter be at least 30 years old, be a citizen of the United States, a citizen of Tennessee at least seven years immediately preceding the election, and to be an attorney licensed to practice in Tennessee. Limits eligibility for election as the Attorney General and Reporter to two consecutive terms, including an election for a partial term. Requires the resolution be published in compliance with Article XI, Section 3 of the Constitution of Tennessee. Requires the Clerk of the Senate to deliver a copy of this resolution to the Secretary of State.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$9,100/FY15-16

Assumptions:

- The Secretary of State will publish the proposed amendment before the next election of General Assembly members. This publication would occur in the spring of 2016.
- The one-time increase in state expenditures for publishing costs is estimated to be \$9,100 based on the cost of recent publications incurred by the Secretary of State.
- Any increase in state expenditures to prepare a copy of this resolution is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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